

learn what climate change has done and what the impact is, and how science is connected to a green economy.

There is room at the table for elected officials.

There is room at the table for large industries that have in their companies huge departments dealing with the environment.

The sadness is that that information is not given to all of those who look at these companies and see a particular purpose, but they don't know that they are working on environmental issues. My argument would be about education and information, and understanding that there is so much about quality of life that is tied to the quality of the air and water.

Now, just one moment of deviation, as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, as one of the first Members who went to her district to speak about the coronavirus, asking why the administration had done nothing and had not given information to the American public, who said that it was urgent that they give this information. Unfortunately, in a presentation which we have seen when we deal with climate change or the Green New Deal, it was reported to us, Members of Congress, that there was nothing to worry about; it wouldn't get here to the United States.

Well, I dealt with H1N1 as a Member of Congress, and the Ebola virus, which hit Dallas, Texas. I am in Houston, and before we understood what it was, various providers had treated the individual but had already left the State. Information can save lives.

Just recently, before I left Houston, I had a press conference to at least share with the community the various documents and handouts about how one should react to any signs of a flu-like symptom, not to diagnose yourself, but to get to a health provider. In the Green New Deal, it talks about access to healthcare.

Many of my constituents died from creosote because they had no access to healthcare. When I say creosote, the ramifications—cancer, respiratory illnesses.

I rise today to join my colleagues in a clarion call. I am supposed to be at the Homeland Security Committee right now, but I really wanted to join in this commitment that we need to inform, educate, and activate so that we can begin to be on the journey in America, the greatest Nation in the world.

In fact, the United States of America is the Nation now that is being looked on to bring relief on the coronavirus. And we are still missing a team or a plan.

But the greatest Nation in the world can now be at the forefront of leading the idea that green is real and right, and it is good for the American people, good for our families, good for our children, good for the leadership that we must give to developing nations and other nations around the world.

I rise to join my colleagues and thank them again for their leadership.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE from the State of Texas, Congresswoman NANETTE BARRAGAN from the State of California, and Congresswoman ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ from the great State of New York for bringing important facts to the table that will dispel the scare tactics that are being deployed and peddled across America about this Green New Deal. It will save lives.

I represent the district that has one of the highest asthma rates in the State, Harlem. There is a significant number of bus depots in Harlem polluting the air. In East Harlem, the children have one of the highest levels of respiratory diseases and asthma. Washington Heights is cut right through its heart by a polluting railway called the Cross Bronx Expressway. We are surrounded by highways, and we are surrounded by pollution, leading to a very low quality of air, which leads to disease and leads to death.

This has been an enlightened conversation about the Green New Deal. I hope America understands the particulars behind it and that we are better equipped and better informed to make the right decisions in support of this lifesaving piece of legislation.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity to allow the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to talk about the importance of protecting our planet in the way in which the Green New Deal will do, while we are also making our Nation better.

I thank everyone who was able to participate, and I yield back the balance of my time.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, first, I want to address a bill that we voted on this afternoon, one of the three bills under the suspension of the rules, H.R. 35, to amend section 249 of title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a hate crime act.

I was in the Judiciary Committee when we took up the hate crimes act. I know there were people who said because of James Byrd, the African American who was drug behind a truck by three individuals, that that was a poster case that demanded hate crime legislation.

Actually, I was quite comfortable if all three of the defendants in that case had gotten the death penalty. In Texas, we do have the death penalty for such a crime as that. Two of the three got the death penalty. One got life in prison. And I felt like the death penalty, from everything I had read, was appropriate.

I am someone who has looked two defendants in the eye and sentenced them to death. It is a very somber, serious thing to do, but the crimes justified it in those cases.

I was talking to my friend, Congressman BOBBY RUSH, a man who has been fighting injustice and unfairness, seems like, his whole life. He is absolutely one of the kindest, most decent people to talk to and deal with here in Congress. He is just a real gentleman. This was Congressman RUSH's bill. And I mentioned to him after the vote—I did vote “no” on this.

Now, there are some great findings for the first six pages. But at page 7, we finally get to actually what the act does. It says: Whoever conspires with another to violate section 245, 247, or 249 of this title or section 901 of the Civil Rights Act shall be punished in the same manner as a completed violation of such section, except that if the maximum term of imprisonment for such completed violation is less than 10 years, the person may be imprisoned for not more than 10 years.

That is ridiculous. First of all, I have trouble with the Federal nexus of lynching. I would, like in the James Byrd case, prefer that those defendants be tried under the Texas capital murder statute rather than under the Federal hate crimes law. Because under the Texas capital murder laws, the defendants could get the death penalty. And they should have been tried under that and should have gotten it.

I have such respect for Congressman RUSH. Lynching is more serious than a 10-year maximum sentence. And I would much rather, if somebody is lynched in Texas, they be subject, under Texas law, to the death penalty rather than a 10-year maximum. It sends entirely the wrong message about how serious this is. I couldn't vote for a 10-year maximum when we are talking about lynching.

I know there are some States that don't have good criminal laws, that maybe they would prefer the Federal Government try such cases. But Congressman RUSH said this was the best he could get an agreement on. But, God bless him, he knows better than most people how serious this is.

So on the one hand, I applaud his efforts at trying to bring people to justice who would commit such a heinous act, and I regret needing to vote “no.” But I just felt like this is too serious to be handled at such a low level.

□ 1600

So I thank Congressman RUSH for his efforts. He is indeed a very fine man. It is a pleasure to interact with him here in Congress, but I couldn't vote for that. That is just too serious.

I have had a friend I met here years ago named Philip Haney. He was one of the finest, most patriotic, competent people I have ever known in my life, a man of absolute honesty, complete integrity, who cared deeply about the future of this country. He also was a

Christian brother, and that certainly affected so much of what he did.

Philip studied Arabic culture and language while he was working as a scientist in the Middle East before he became a founding member of the Department of Homeland Security in 2002. He was there at the beginning when Homeland Security became a Department for the first time. He was a Customs and Border Protection agriculture officer.

He was a scientist by education and training. It was amazing how organized and how brilliant he was. I constantly marveled at his ability to organize facts in his own head and memorize them, remember things so clearly.

But after he advanced as a CBP officer, where he served several tours of duty at the National Targeting Center near Washington, D.C., he was quickly promoted to its Advanced Targeting Team, which was an unprecedented accomplishment for an agent on temporary duty assignment.

The FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Award was something he was presented in recognition of his exceptional contributions to interagency national security successes. He won numerous awards and commendations from his superiors for meticulously compiling information and reports that led to the identification of hundreds of terrorists.

He specialized in Islamic theology and the strategy and tactics of the global Islamic movement. He wrote a book after he left and retired from government service, a takeoff on the Obama administration's slogan, "See Something, Say Something."

But, as he experienced firsthand, he saw things that were a threat to this country, he said something, and he was severely punished for it, because apparently the Obama administration had some radical Islamic ties that they did not want anybody, including Philip Haney, to expose.

So, he had a book that he wrote, "See Something, Say Nothing," and it documented the Obama administration's effort to obfuscate the role that radical Islam played in numerous terrorist attacks that took place in America from 2008 to 2016.

One review of Philip's book described it as an expose of a politically correct Federal Government that capitulates to a subversive enemy within and punishes those who reject its narrative.

In 2016, he, as a whistleblower, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by then-Senator TED CRUZ, to allege that the Obama administration had acted irresponsibly concerning Islamic extremism. Philip Haney claimed that the administration had acted in favor of political correctness rather than take actions that may well have prevented the June 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando and the San Bernardino shooting in December of 2015.

He was investigating groups that helped radicalize normal Muslim believers, radicalizing them to the point

that they would commit acts of terror, and he found some ties. It was amazing, when he got ahold of a string, how he could trace that string back to its roots.

He once said that he did, at the Department of Homeland Security, what he did with bugs: He followed the trail and found the nest. It was amazing how he could do that, and that is the reason he was cited as he was.

In fact, this letter from June 8 of 2012 to Officer Philip B. Haney:

On behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, I commend your outstanding contributions while assigned to the National Targeting Center-Passenger. Your display of dedication and effort in the fight against terrorism has been exemplary.

Your talents and professionalism have contributed to the continued achievements of the NTC-P. You played a key role by providing support to the CBP mission and the NTC lead role in defending and protecting our Nation's borders. A key component of the National Targeting Center-Passenger's success is the invaluable people, like you, who perform the work in our important mission. I am confident to know that CBP can rely upon you to provide expertise to combat threats against our Nation.

Additionally, your expertise and experience has been invaluable while assigned to the Advanced Targeting Team. Your research on the Tablighi Jamaat Initiative has assisted in the identification of over 300 persons with possible connections to terrorism. The assistance you have provided in the development of this initiative has been key to the future success of the project. The National Targeting Center looks forward to your continuing support and assistance in the program.

Once again, thank you for your unflinching commitment to the success of the National Targeting System mission. Your professional actions and achievements reflect favorably on you and all of the Customs and Border Protection.

Thank you for a job well done.

Well, that was June of 2012. It wasn't terribly long after that he had been entering information on radical Islamic ties with people in the United States, attempting to come into the United States, with ties to people in the United States. He was documenting all those things.

We had a Secretary of Homeland Security who bragged about how Homeland Security could connect the dots, and then he was ordered to start removing these dots, so to speak. He was ordered to start deleting thousands of pages of data that he had carefully researched and identified that would help protect America.

That was during the Obama administration.

He was scared for his country, that the Obama administration would make him delete, and there was an occasion when he was watching his computer and somebody started deleting hundreds of pages of documents as he watched, hundreds of pages of information that would have helped keep America safe for the future.

There was an opportunity the House of Representatives had—we were in the majority—where he could have been brought in as a specially requested

agent for the House. Apparently, there were people who were afraid that he had so much information that the Obama administration might come after anybody who was attempting to help or protect him and the valuable information he had.

He wasn't brought in. He was told: Oh, go file an IG complaint with the Homeland Security inspector general.

I implored him that that would be a mistake because the inspector general at that time at Homeland Security had already been cited for falsifying an IG report to protect the Obama administration. We knew that it was not going to be a fair inspector general investigation.

In fact, he became a whistleblower, filed his IG complaint about the Obama administration deleting so much data from its database to help identify terrorists, and, clearly, for anybody who was involved in that effort to purge our computer data on foreign terrorists, his complaint could be seen as a threat to expose people within the Obama administration who were involved in purging or, as one of our intel people—Homeland Security, like DOJ, began to blind itself of the ability to see our enemies.

That is why, even though he was investigating Tablighi Jamaat and the manner in which normal Muslim believers were converted into radicals who would be capable of murder, there were a number of things that he noticed that they did to move people in that direction.

He identified that the people at San Bernardino who killed, I think it was, 14 Americans there, that, if he had been allowed to pursue his investigation, would have identified those people.

We blinded ourselves of the ability to see our enemy, and we also had not been training people.

Philip had identified a female in California involved in the shooting. She took on the name of a famous radical Islamic male terrorist. If he had been allowed to question her, he would have immediately known: There is something very wrong here. Why would you take on the name of a male terrorist, historic terrorist?

But it had been made very clear in the Obama administration that, if you are too active in pursuit of radical Islamists, it is not going to go well for you.

□ 1615

And, in fact, after he filed the IG report, I think it was an effort for some in the Obama administration to protect themselves. We have now seen it occur with the Trump campaign.

There was a Grand Jury that was convened to go after and try to destroy Philip Haney's life. His wife, Francesca, was a college professor, and the trauma of being raided, constantly harassed, and questioned, seeing one of the finest, most honest and honorable protectors of America in our history,

Philip Haney, she saw him just being savaged. And it ended up resulting in her going to the hospital. Whether it was a full-blown nervous breakdown or not, I am not sure, but it sent her to the hospital to have the United States Government go after a man she knew was a hero for and to the United States.

Well, Philip was so meticulous, so organized. They couldn't find anything with which to indict him. They were trying to drag up something, but he had documented well everything he had ever done. It was the way he was. It is who he was. They couldn't find anything to indict him. They had already moved him in basically a closet, kept him from doing the job he was the best at in protecting America. And finally they basically said, we can't find anything. So, look, if you will just agree to retire, then we will let everything go, but you have got to destroy stuff in your possession.

Well, he retired, and that is when he wrote the book *See Something, Say Nothing*. He had been savaged by his own government, his own country that he was trying to protect.

And I had commented to him about his book. He had given me a draft to read before it was published. I said, Philip, you don't really name a whole lot of names in this book about where the problems have been. He said, "I know, this is just the first draft. I will do another that names names." And that is what he was working on.

After Francesca died about a year ago, he moved to California and was near his sister, Diana. I was so thrilled to get a text from Philip saying basically, I have met someone. She is wonderful. They were soul mates. And I texted him that I had a minister friend that had said, you know, it is interesting, when men who have been in long marriages have their wife pass away, it is not unusual; in fact, it may be average, to have them remarried in 6 months. Of course, he volunteered, women that had been in a longstanding marriage when their husband dies, a lot of them don't ever want to remarry. It is an interesting difference.

I wasn't surprised that Philip had found love again. Philip and Denise were going to be married on April 4. It appeared he would be coming back to work for the United States Government and finally be able to put to full use his incredible knack for rooting out terrorists.

I was amazed, because when you met Philip, you weren't sure. He was kind of a quiet guy, and you didn't realize at first just how brilliant he was. He could ask questions—and I know he did this with people trying to come into the country—and he got people to volunteer information. I bet they thought, oh, this guy, what a doofus. What does he know? He got them to volunteer information that I doubt I could have ever gotten out of them, no matter how tough a cross-examination I had done. But Phil in his amazing way, he could

get information out of people. It was amazing what he was able to do and capable of doing.

So he had hoped to be coming back in the next few weeks to work for the Federal Government. But then he got some news last week that he needed to have open heart surgery. The chances of success were very good. Complete success shouldn't be too long of a recuperation time. And he passed that along to the person that he was going to be coming to work for in the Federal Government. Sent him a text, I have got to have open heart surgery next week, but basically hope to be available for work shortly after that. Short recuperation.

Philip either talked or texted with his sister virtually every day, and they texted up to the evening last Thursday. And Friday he was found in his car with a gunshot wound and a gun nearby.

I think the Amador County law officials are doing a decent job. They seem to be very committed. But his book was going to name names of people that put this country at risk. He was getting married April 4. Finally going to be able to come back to the U.S. Government and use his incredible talents and ability to spot danger for our country and stop it, and he ends up with a bullet in him.

So the investigation is ongoing. He is severely missed by those of us who loved him. We had talked back before he filed the IG complaint, I had been concerned about his safety with all the information he knew and the people that could have gotten in trouble. And we had a mutual pact, if it was said either one of us ended up having committed suicide, then the other is going to make sure that truth wins out.

He was so organized, though. He had made it clear to his sister that there was something he was going to do and something he was doing, he said you need to come over because I have got everything laid out. If something happens during the heart surgery next week, I have everything laid out. And that is how he was, everything was so organized. I would love to be as organized as Phil.

Philip had such a positive outlook on things. He had been through a horrendous time with his wife having been made ill by the raucous Obama administration coming after him to try to shut him up.

See, that is a real whistleblower. He testified before the Senate. That is what a real whistleblower does. A real whistleblower does not remain anonymous. They come forward, subject themselves to cross-examination, and supposedly have protection.

But that is not what happened in the Obama administration. In fact, the Obama administration prosecuted more people for leaking than every other administration in our country's history added together. They went after whistleblowers. Rather tragic. I can't adequately express it.

February 5, 2016, The Hill had an article about Phil. "DHS Ordered Me to Scrub Records of Muslims with Terror Ties."

Conservative HQ, George Rasley has done a really nice piece; "In Memoriam: Philip B. Haney, 21st Century Paul Revere."

Fox News had an article by Nick Givas, "Philip Haney, DHS Whistleblower During Obama Era, Found Dead, Police Say."

Joe Martin, "Philip Haney: Whistleblower and Happy Warrior."

What an amazing man. I miss him. I miss getting his cheery text messages. And I know his fiance and his sister and even his brother-in-law misses getting those messages, as well.

So there is big news supposedly that the Trump administration is now trying to make sure that people that are working for the Trump administration are actually working for it and not against it.

And the truth is, President Trump got some bad advice from people that were not concerned about his achieving the goals he promised he would work toward, but they were interested in stopping him.

We found out after the George W. Bush administration there were holdovers from the Clinton years that would tell President Bush, yes, sir, we will take care of it, and then drag their feet and made sure what he wanted didn't happen, and even would leak information to try to stop President Bush from achieving what he hoped to achieve. And we have certainly seen that occur in the Trump administration.

In fact, an article mentions Rich Higgins, he had prepared information, basically a memo, on how to move forward and how the Trump administration could protect itself from people that would try to stop President Trump and to make sure that people working for him were actually working for him.

But a buddy of Mr. Brennan and Mr. Clapper, named H.R. McMaster, found out about the memo and instead of rewarding Rich Higgins for his brilliant work to help the Trump administration, he had him perp walked out and refused to let him even go back to his office. Because Mr. McMaster, despite his front and his sucking up to President Trump, he was all about stopping President Trump.

And for his time there he may have helped on some little things, but overall he was making sure—it certainly appeared to me he was making sure—that President Trump didn't achieve the goals he hoped to, and, in fact, was heard to bad-mouth, say vulgar things about President Trump. So it was good when he was gone.

And President Trump has continued to work on efforts to get people that actually want to help him achieve his goals. And naturally deep-state establishment people in Washington, they don't want to see that happen, so they

throw up things like, oh, gee, the Trump administration is on a witch hunt. It is not on a witch hunt. It just wants people that will work to help the President achieve his goals.

If, for example, you have an inane person working with the National Security Council and in his mind he knows everything that anybody needs to know about Ukraine, and he puts together talking points for the President to use in talking to the President of Ukraine and the President doesn't follow his expert talking points because the President is foreign policy when he gets elected, not what some lieutenant colonel thinks—but you can tell Vindman got a burr in his saddle, so to speak, when the President didn't follow his talking points to a T.

□ 1630

He needed to go. It appears he likely leaked information to the so-called whistleblower, not a real whistleblower.

A real whistleblower is a man of courage and integrity, like Phil Haney. That is a real whistleblower.

A real whistleblower is somebody like Adam Lovinger, who sees that the Department of Defense is paying hundreds of thousands of dollars, multiple payments, to some professor in London named Stefan Halper, who happens to be setting up the Trump campaign so that they can get warrants against it, and the Department of Defense is paying this guy. But Adam's job is making sure the Defense Department was getting their money's worth when they paid, and he couldn't see they were getting any money's worth from this Stefan Halper guy in London.

If the left really wants to see somebody prosecuted who was in the U.S. Government who was paying for foreign interference in our election, maybe they should start with the guys that came after Adam Lovinger, a real whistleblower, not like this guy that filed a secret complaint that wasn't firsthand, had no personal knowledge. They just knew they wanted to stop President Trump and didn't mind putting the United States Government at risk by doing so, because, after all, they hated the President.

So it is worth looking back a little bit.

Here is an article from October 19, 2016, titled "Obama's plan to make the administrative state permanent," by Nathan Mehrens. This is before the election, a month before the 2016 election. He points out that: "President Obama's cronies are being placed into permanent staff positions in the Federal Government, and the administration is not even bothering to follow its own personnel rules which govern the process."

Apparently, there were people in the Obama administration that realized: You know, there is a chance Trump could win this election. Even though we are sure the American people will elect Hillary Clinton, there is a chance.

There are supposedly around 4,000 people or so that an administration appoints into politically appointed positions, but those people are subject to being fired on the whim of a new President. So, according to this article, the Obama administration started taking people who were political appointees and moving them into career appointments.

We have even seen a case in Arizona where a Federal employee commits a Federal crime, is found guilty of a Federal crime, and a court comes back later and said: Eh, that wasn't an adequate basis to fire a Federal employee.

Well, once you get into a position like she was in, it is hard to root them out even when they have committed a Federal crime in their job. That was in the VA. We have changed the law with regard to VA to make it easier to fire felons that commit felonies when they are in their job at the VA.

The Office of Personnel Management's Director in November 2009 made a big show of a new policy requiring prior approval for these conversions, taking a political appointee and what is called burrowing them into the Federal Government so they will be part of the deep state, hard to ever get rid of, when they are nothing but political hacks.

This statement says:

I believe we must hold ourselves and the government to a higher standard, one that honors and supports the President's strong commitment to a government that is transparent and open. OPM's responsibility to uphold the merit system is not limited to Presidential election years nor to competitive service appointments. That is why I am instituting a change in OPM policy with respect to hiring political appointees for civil service jobs.

They go on to say that in order to convert somebody from political appointee to career civil service status, they have to get the permission of OPM. But as the article says, apparently, some agencies didn't see the need to bother with that permission, and they processed conversions without OPM permission.

So we see what is happening.

Here is another article, this one is from November 27, after President Trump was elected:

Congressional Republicans are warning the departing Obama administration against moving any more political appointees into career jobs.

But that is what they had done.

It says: "Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Ron Johnson, Wisconsin Republican, has asked Acting OPM Director Beth Cobert for weekly reports on all conversions or attempted conversions."

But I would be willing to bet they didn't get what they were asking for, certainly not all of it.

This article is from December 8, 2016. This is from the Daily Signal, Fred Lucas: "After President Barack Obama exits office, at least 88 of his political appointees will likely remain working

in the Federal Government under a Donald Trump administration, according to numbers from the Office of Personnel Management."

It goes on to talk about "Federal agencies selected 112 political appointees for career civil service jobs," and that is just in December. They had about another 6 weeks to be moving people from political appointee positions into civil service so that when President Trump came in, he would have people in key positions who would hate him, be loyal to people like Sally Yates and President Obama, others, Brennan, Clapper. They could undermine the Trump administration, as they have been doing for 3 years now.

In Axios, Jonathan Swan comes out with an article this week that appears to be taking aim at some people who are friends of the President who are trying to help him figure out who it is that is undermining and has no interest in helping President Trump achieve his goals and, in fact, has an interest in destroying them.

Three years in, I would think a President should be entitled to people working for him who are actually working for him and not against him, but I am sure there will be more people who I classify as heroes trying to help President Trump make America even greater by getting the people out that are trying to stop what he promised to do.

People will come after one of my heroes, Ginni Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, and Barbara Ledeen, and those who are coming after people that are trying to help President Trump, have people who actually like him working for him, not people who can just suck up to him, but people who will actually like him, support his agenda, and want to help, and I think we will be seeing a lot more of that.

It is a shame that they have not been doing articles pointing out some of these duplicitous people who say they are loyal to the Trump administration, and they do all they can to undermine it and violate their oaths.

I still believe if Durham doesn't end up indicting some people who could go to jail, we won't get the country back.

There is no deterrence in what has gone on so far. People abused the FISA court system, repeatedly lied to a Federal judge or judges in the FISA court to get warrants to spy on the Trump administration.

If there are no consequences, if people who have made it an instrument of politics to use the intelligence community, Department of Justice, Department of Defense, State Department to try to defeat a Presidential candidate, and then when he gets elected, try to remove him from office, if there aren't multiple people who go to jail for what they have done, the crimes committed, then there is no deterrence. They will be up to it even bigger, but next time, they will have figured out where they made mistakes in getting caught and being unsuccessful, and we will lose the

freedom we once had to select our own leaders.

But I don't hear of these authors. I don't read any of these authors actually condemning the DNC, the Clinton campaign, the Department of Defense, the DOJ in using and getting help from foreigners to try to combat the Trump campaign and to affect our election.

Anybody who would say on this floor that there were no Ukrainians involved in trying to affect our election, they are just ignorant. You know, there is no harm, we are all ignorant of some things, but they are ignorant of the facts.

We can start with the op-ed that the Ambassador from Ukraine wrote before the election, trashing President Trump. That is trying to affect our election by a Ukrainian, and we know it had to go a lot deeper than that.

I would love to see some of these folks who want to come after President Trump and come after those of us who would like free and fair elections, I would like to see them be more fair on both sides of the aisle, as far as where crimes have really been committed.

If we are going to preserve this little experiment in self-government, there needs to be multiple people go to jail for the crimes they have committed. If that doesn't happen, we are in big trouble.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. UNDERWOOD) at 6 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2339, REVERSING THE YOUTH TOBACCO EPIDEMIC ACT OF 2019

Ms. SHALALA, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-409) on the resolution (H. Res. 866) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2339) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the sale and marketing of tobacco products, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LEWIS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on February 20, 2020, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 504. To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 80. Approving the request of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for a waiver under section 1703E(f) of title 38, United States Code.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. SHALALA, Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 35, the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 473, to authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 560, the Northern Mariana Islands Residents Relief Act, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 2819, the Gold Star Mothers Families National Monument Extension Act, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3885. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Cyber Security — Communications Between Control Centers Reliability Standard [Docket No.: RM18-20-000] received February 11, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3886. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-062, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3887. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-068, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3888. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-072, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3889. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-028, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3890. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-046, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3891. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-077, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3892. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-059, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3893. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-063, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3894. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-080, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3895. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 19-091, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3896. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of